THERMACUT® EX-TRAFIRE® 555D PLASMA CUTTING POWER SUPPLY

Operator Manual

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!IMPORTANT!

BEFORE SWITCHING ON OR OPERATING THE SYSTEM, READ THIS MANUAL, BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE CONTENT. KEEP THE MANUAL LOCAL TO THE JOB SITE

WITH EASY ACCESS TO ALL PERSONNEL. THE SYSTEM IS TO BE USED FOR METAL CUTTING ONLY.

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SAFETY

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!CAUTION!

The symbol shown in this section means: **!Caution!** !Beware! ¡There are possible hazards with this procedure!

When you find this symbol in the manual or on the system, be cautious, and follow the related instructions to avoid the hazard.



CAUTION! READ OPERATOR'S MANUAL

Follow the safety instructions to avoid danger.

Only qualified persons should install, operate, maintain and repair the system.

Keep out of reach of children.

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PLASMA ARC RAYS CAN BURN EYES AND SKIN

Arc rays from the cutting/gouging processes produce intense visible and invisible rays that can burn eyes and skin.

Use protective clothing made from durable, flame-resistant material, appropriate footwear and hand protection.

- Use face protection (welding helmet or shield) with the correct shade of filter lens fitted to protect your eyes and face (see Table 1.1).
- Warn people of the dangers of looking at the arc, use signs to warn/inform.



NOISE CAN DAMAGE HEARING

Prolonged exposure to noise from plasma cutting/gouging can cause hearing damage.

- Use approved ear protection when operating the plasma system.
- Warn others about the dangers of noise.



FLYING SPARKS (ARC SPRAY) CAN CAUSE INJURY, FIRE OR EXPLOSION

Flying sparks are created during the metal cutting/gouging processes; the area around the cutting process should be kept free from flammables.

- Use face shield/safety glasses with side protection.
- Wear flame resistant clothing, footwear and hand protection.
- Use earplugs/defenders that are flame resistant to prevent sparks entering the ear and to reduce the noise level

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CUTTING CAN CAUSE FIRE OR EXPLOSION

FIRE PREVENTION

- Keep flammable items away from the work area.
- Ensure that there is a fully charged fire extinguisher in the work area
- Ventilate the work area, check for flammable/combustible gases, liquids and materials, remove prior to cutting as they present a fire risk.

EXPLOSION PREVENTION

- Do not cut in areas containing explosives, flammable gases or vapors.
- Do not place the system on, over, or near combustible surfaces.
- Do not operate the system in areas with an atmosphere containing high concentrations of dust, flammable gases or vapors.
- Do not use the system to cut pressurized containers that have not been de-pressurized, vented and cleaned.



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ELECTRIC SHOCK CAN KILL

Touching electrical parts could cause a fatal shock or severe burns.

- Do not touch live electrical components.
- Wear dry insulated gloves, shoes and protective clothing.
- Insulate yourself from the work and ground using dry insulating material large enough for the work area.
- The working area should be clean and dry.
- Switch OFF the system for cleaning and maintenance operations.
- Do not wrap cables around your body.
- Turn OFF the machine when not in use.

- Periodically check the power supply cable, to insure that the outer insulation is intact. Replace the power supply cable immediately if damaged. DO NOT use the system with bare or exposed wires, this is highly dangerous.
- Before removing the cover or handling any of the internal components of the system, wait 5 (FIVE) minutes to ensure complete discharge of the capacitors.
- Keep the system in good condition; repair or replace damaged parts immediately. Maintain the system in accordance with the manual.

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PLASMA ARC CAN INJURE

The plasma arc is activated immediately after the torch trigger is depressed.

- Turn off the power before changing the torch consumables, the plasma arc can burn through skin and gloves.
- Do not place your hand or hold the work piece near the cutting path.
- Do not point the torch toward yourself or other persons.



HOT PARTS CAN CAUSE SEVERE BURNS

Caution! After cutting, the work piece will be HOT!

- Do not touch hot parts bare handed, wear suitable hand protection.
- Allow cooling time before handling.

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SMOKE AND GASES CAN BE HAZARDOUS

Induction heating of certain materials, adhesives, and fluxes may cause fumes or smoke.

Breathing the fumes and smoke can be hazardous to your health

- Keep your face out of the smoke, do not breathe the fumes
- Use local exhaust ventilation for fume removal.
- If ventilation is poor, wear an approved air-supplied respirator.
- Work in a confined space only if it is well ventilated, or while wearing an air-supplied respirator. The smoke and gases from the cutting/gouging process can displace air and lower the oxygen level causing injury or death.
- Monitor the breathable air quality as required.

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CAUTION WHEN CUTTING AROUND GAS CYLINDERS

Gas cylinders which contain gas under high pressure can rupture and explode if damaged.

- Handle and use compressed gas cylinders in accordance with local or national codes.
- Never allow electrical contact between the plasma arc and a cylinder.
- Never expose cylinders to excessive heat, sparks, slag or flames.



MAGNETIC FIELD CAN AFFECT PACEMAKERS

- People with pacemakers/hearing aids should avoid close contact with plasma arc power supply.
- People with pacemakers/hearing aids should consult their doctor before operating plasma arc power supply.



Do not exceed the recommended duty cycle, this can lead to overheating and cause damage to the system.

- Allow a suitable cooling off period with high demand usage.
- Observe the duty cycle rating shown on the label attached to the system.



PLASMA CUTTING CAN CAUSE INTERFERENCE

- Electromagnetic energy can interfere with sensitive electronic equipment such as computers, or computer-driven equipment.
- Ensure that all equipment in the cutting area is electromagnetically compatible.
- Ensure that the plasma arc cutting system is installed and positioned in accordance with this manual.

Plasma Arc Cutting Current	Protection glass shade number*
Up to 150A	ISO (DIN) 11
150A to 250A	ISO (DIN) 12
250A to 400A	ISO (DIN) 13
OVER 400A	ISO (DIN) 14

^{*} According to ISO 4850:1979

Safety Sticker

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Torch consumables installation

Safety instructions











WARNING! Plasma arc is generated immediately when the torch trigger is depressed.



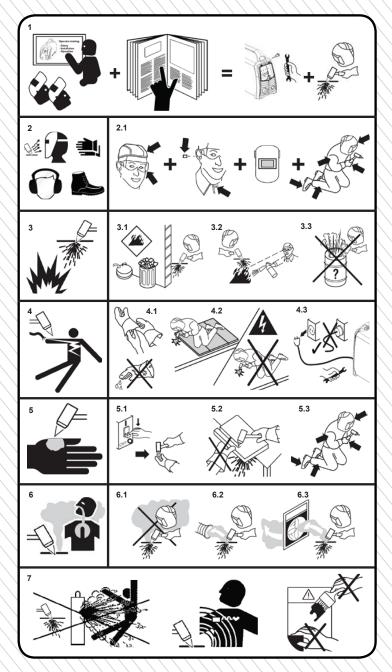
Plasma arc is generated immediately when the torch trigger is depressed. The plasma arc will cut quickly through gloves and skin. Make sure the power is switched off before changing consumables.

Hand torch



Machine torch





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SPECIFICATIONS:

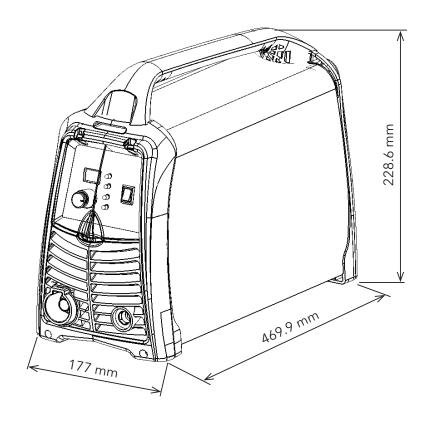
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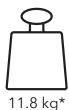
SPECIFICATIONS

EX-TRAFIRE*55SD

- Is a portable plasma arc cutting system.
- Has been designed for handheld cutting.
- Uses compressed air or nitrogen for cutting electrically conductive metals (mild steel, stainless steel and aluminium).

Dimensions and weight of the plasma arc power supply





^{*} Weight of plasma arc power supply without torch.

Specifications: plasma arc power supply $3 \times 220 \text{ V}$

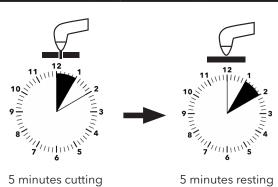
Open circuit voltage (U0)	400 VDC			
Output characteristic* * Curve is defined as the output voltage versus output current	Drooping			
Input voltage (U1)	3 x 220 VAC ± 15%			
Rated output current (I2)		30 - 55 A	4	
	140 VDC			
Standard rated output voltage (U2) @ 55A	X 60%			100%
	U2	140		140
Cutting current at 60%/100% duty cycle (A)	3 x 220 VAC±15%	55 A		42 A
Maximum input power	3 x 220 VAC±15%		11.01 kVA	
Duty cycle (X*) a 40° C at rated conditions (U1, I1, U2, I2) *X=Ton/Tbase,	U1-Volts AC rms		X	
Ton = time, minutes Tbase = 10 minutes	3 x 220 VAC±15%		60%	
Operating temperature		-10° - +40	° C	
Rated AC phases (PH) and line frequency (Hz)	PH		Hz	
Model CE	3		50-6	0
Rated input voltage (U1), rated input current (I1) and 1eff.* at rated output U2 y I2 cutting only.	U1-Volts AC rms	; I1	Amps rms	l1eff
*I1eff = (I1) \sqrt{X} used to determine rating of power cord.	3 x 220 VAC ± 15	%	28.9*A	22.3*A
rms = root mean square eff. = effective	This equipment conforms to IEC 61000-3-12, EN 60974-1			-3-12,
Isolation class	H/F			
IP Code - Degree of protection provided by enclosure	IP23S* IP - "International Protection" 2 - No ingress foreign objects ≥ 12.5 mm 3 - No harmful ingress spraying water. S - fan stationary during water test. *WARNING: ! DO NOT OPERATE IN RAIN!			
Toppling, tilting (with or without Wheel kit)	Up to 15° incline			
Gas type	Air		Nitrogen	
Gas quality specification	Recommended Air quality: ISO 8573-1 Class 1.2.2. Air max. particle size: 0.1 microns, class 1 ref. to ISO 8573, Air max. oil: 0.1 mg / m3, class 2 ref.: ISO 8573, Air max. dewpoint: +3° C, class 4 ref. to ISO 8573		ns, Purity ≥ 99.99%	
	Clean, moisture-free, without oil			
Gas quality	Clean	, moisture-free	e, without oil	

Specifications: plasma arc power supply $3 \times 400 \text{ V}$

Open circuit voltage (U0)		400 VI	DC	
Output characteristic* * Curve is defined as the output voltage versus output current	Drooping			
Input voltage (U1)	3 x 400 VAC ± 15%			
Rated output current (I2)		30 - 55	δA	
	170 V			
Standard rated output voltage (U2) U1 = 400VAC±15%	Х	50%	60%	100%
	U2	170	170	170
Cutting current at 50%/60%/100% duty cycle (A)	3 x 400 VAC±15%	55 A	50 A	41 A
Maximum input power	3 x 400 VAC±15%		13.7 kVA	
Duty cycle (X*) a 40° C at rated conditions (U1, I1, U2, I2) *X=Ton/Tbase,	U1-Volts AC rms		Х	
Ton = time, minutes Tbase =10 minutes	3 x 400 VAC±15%		50%	
Operating temperature		-10° - +4	10° С	
Rated AC phases (PH) and line frequency (Hz)	PH		Hz	
Model CE	3		50-6	0
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*I1eff = (I1) \sqrt{X} used to determine rating of power cord.	3 x 400 VAC ± 15%		20.9*A	14.8*A
rms = root mean square eff. = effective	This equipment conforms to IEC 61000-3-12, EN 60974-1			3-12,
Isolation class	H/F			
IP Code - Degree of protection provided by enclosure	IP23S* IP - "International Protection" 2 - No ingress foreign objects ≥ 12.5 mm 3 - No harmful ingress spraying water. S - fan stationary during water test. *WARNING: ! DO NOT OPERATE IN RAIN!			
Toppling, tilting (with or without Wheel kit)	Up to 15° incline			
Gas type	Air Nitrogen			ogen
Gas quality specification	Recommended Air quality: ISO 8573-1 Class 1.2.2. Air max. particle size: 0.1 microns, class 1 ref. to ISO 8573, Air max. oil: 0.1 mg / m3, class 2 ref.: ISO 8573, Air max. dewpoint: +3° C, class 4 ref. to ISO 8573		-	
Gas quality	Clean, moisture-free, without oil			
Gas input pressure and flow	10 bar / 145 psi 270 l/min			
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Duty cycle

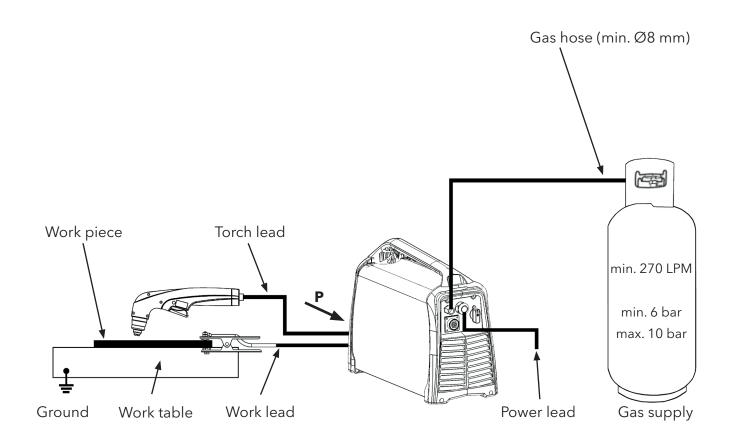
Duty cycle is the percentage of time, during a period of 10 minutes, that the power supply can continuously cut. The following diagram represents a duty cycle of 50%.

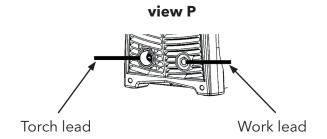


PARAMETERS	EX-TRAFIRE*55SD
Supply voltage (VAC)	3 x 400±15% (3 x 220±15%)
Frequency (Hz)	50/60
Maximum input current 80%-100% (A)	20.9 (28.9)
Maximum input power (kVA)	13.7 (11)
Open circuit voltage (VDC)	400
Rated output voltage (VDC)	170
Cutting current at 50%-100% duty cycle (A)	55 - 41
Recommended cutting capacity (mm)	20
Maximum cutting capacity (mm)	30
Severance cutting capacity (mm)	30
Piercing capacity (mm)	20
Gouging capability (Kg/h)	up to 6
Protection level	IP23S
Isolation class	H/F
Dimensions (x h x w) (mm)	469.9 x 228.6 x 177
Weight (kg)	11.8
Gas pressure (bar)	5.5
Gas flow (lpm)	270

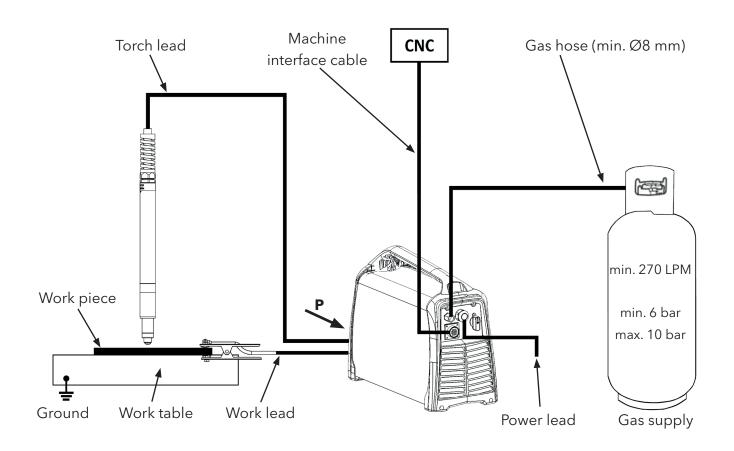
It is recomended to unfold the cable, because of bigger heat generation if it's longer than 8 m.

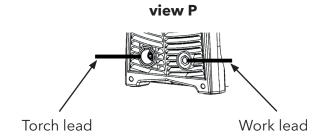
Hand torch setup





Machine torch setup





Symbols and marking



For compliance with the European Norm, it is NOT permissible to use unshielded consumables in Hand-Held applications.

S Mark; S

The **S** mark indicates that the power supply and torch are suitable for use in environments with danger of electrocution. The hand torches must have shielded consumable parts fitted to mantain **S** mark compliance.

CE Mark; (€

This marking signifies the manufacturer's declaration of conformity to applicable European directives and standards (EMC & LVD).

C-Tick Mark; This marking signifies compliance with appropriate Australian EMC standard.

IEC symbols;

The following symbols may be present on the plasma arc power supply data plate, control labels and switches.

Symbol	Description	Symbol	Description
-€ V	Alternating Current (AC) power	ON	Power is ON
F	Over-Current (OC), Over-Temperature (OT)	OFF	Power is OFF
	(GAS) Low inlet gas pressure alarm	1 ~ []	An inverter-based power supply
===	Direct Current (DC) power - DC WORK	<u>\$</u> =	Cutting Mode
<u></u>	The terminal for the external protective (earth) conductor	₽	Grid Mode

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INSTALLATION

Upon receipt of goods

- 1. Verify that all ordered items have been received, for short shipment or damage to equipment, contact the Authorized Supplier.
- 2. If there is evidence of damage, see Claims, below.
- 3. All communication relating to this plasma arc system should include the model and serial number located on the bottom of the plasma arc power supply.
- 4. Read the information in the SAFETY section of this manual before installing and operating the system.

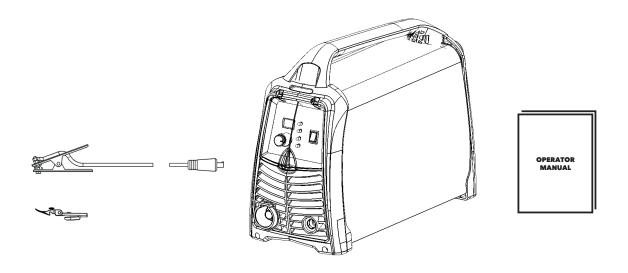
Claims

Claims for shipping damage; If the unit has been damaged in transit, contact the carrier immediately, take photographs of the packaging and areas of damage on the system. Inform Authorized Supplier, who will provide copies of relevant documentation. For further assistance, contact Customer Services, details are listed at the back of this manual.

Claims for defective or missing goods; All systems shipped from Authorized Supplier have been subjected to a rigorous quality control procedure. If any of the parts are found to be defective or missing, contact Authorized Supplier with the relevant information. For further assistance contact Customer Services, details are listed at the back of this manual.

Box contents

Check the items that are shown in the illustration below. Packaging also includes an air line connection DN7.2ES plug with male thread G1/4".



Power supply location

Place the plasma arc power supply EX-TRAFIRE*55SD on a flat even surface with a minimum distance of 0.5m of clear space all round to ensure good ventilation.

Mains power connection

The EX-TRAFIRE $^{\circ}$ 55SD plasma arc power supply requires a 400 VAC \pm 15% three-phases mains power source (or 220 VAC \pm 15% for 3 x 220 V power supply). Use a circuit breaker for power line input so that the operator can turn off the power supply quickly in an emergency. Locate the switch so that it is easily accessible to the operator. The interrupt level of the switch must be equal to or exceed the continuous rating of the fuses. Use slow blow fuses with a suitable capacity in accordance with local and national electrical codes.

Connecting to an engine drive power generator

When using an engine drive generator to power the EX-TRAFIRE 55SD:

- Engine drive operation;
- 1. Set engine drive output to three-phases AC.
- 2. Plug the EX-TRAFIRE®55SD mains power lead in to the power outlet.
- 3. Hard wire connection (No plug fitted) should be performed by a certified electrician.
- 4. Set the engine drive to maximum output (see chart below).
- 5. For optimum performance, do not share the engine drive with other equipment such as welding plant, lighting systems or angle grinders.

Three-phases, 50/60 Hz, 400 VAC ±15%

Engine drive rating	Current output	EX-TRAFIRE 55SD Performance
19 kW	55 A	Full arc stretch
17 kW	55 A	Limited arc stretch

Grounding

To reduce electromagnetic interference (EMI) and to ensure personal safety and correct operation, the EX-TRAFIRE*55SD must be properly grounded through the mains power lead in accordance with local and national electrical codes of practice. The three-phases service must be of the 4-wire type with a protective green-yellow wire for protective earth ground and must comply with national and local electrical codes of practice.

Mains power lead

EX-TRAFIRE®55SD - 3 x 400V

- is supplied with a 3 meter length of 4 core 1.5 mm² flexo cable without plug.

EX-TRAFIRE®55SD - 3 x 220V

- is supplied with a 3 meter length of 4 core 2.5 mm² flexo cable without plug.

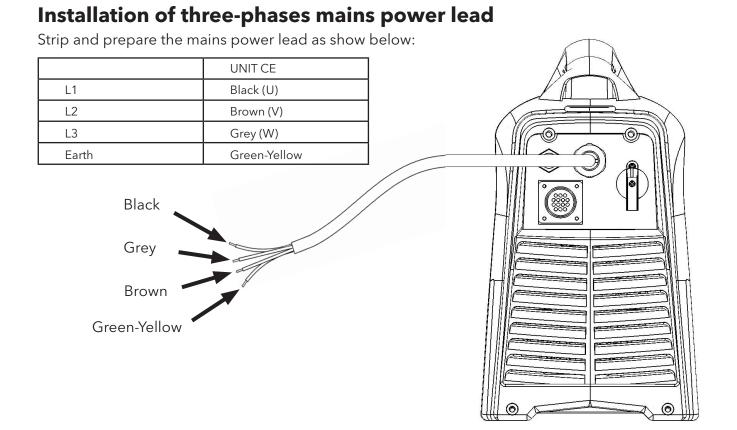
Use of a mains power lead extension is at the discretion of the user. The extension of the mains power lead shall comply with local and national codes of practice and should be installed by a certified electrician. See the length requirements listed below.

		Recommended mains power lead extension depending on length (mm²)				
		< 3 m	3 - 7.5 m	7.5 - 15 m	15 - 30 m	30 - 45 m
Model CE	Phase	mm²	mm²	mm²	mm²	mm²
400 VAC±15% (220 VAC±15%)	3	6	6	10	10	16

Note: The system was tested with a 3 meter mains power lead for compliance with EMC standards.

Three-phases mains power lead

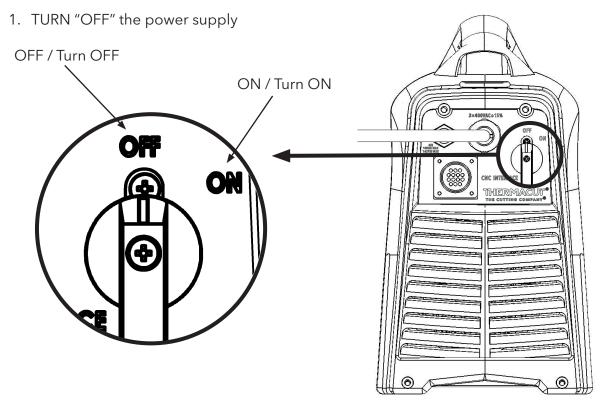
To operate the EX-TRAFIRE*55SD, use a plug that complies with national and local codes of practice. A certified electrician or electrotechnically competent person should connect the mains power lead to the plug.



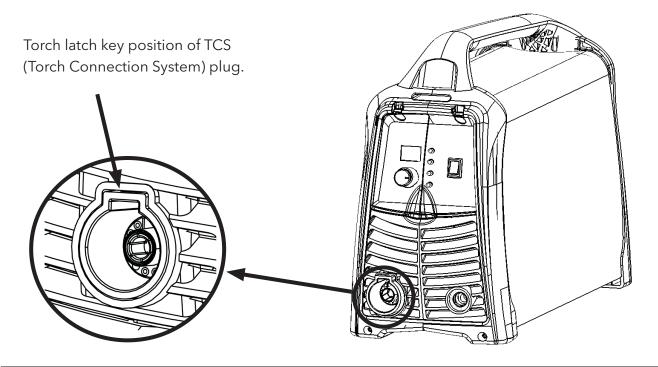
The mains power lead connection

A certified electrician or electrotechnically competent person should connect the mains power lead to a plug or hard wire to a suitable supply according to national standards.

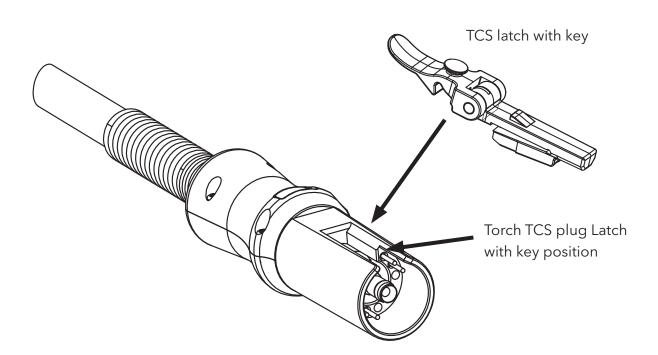
Torch installation step by step



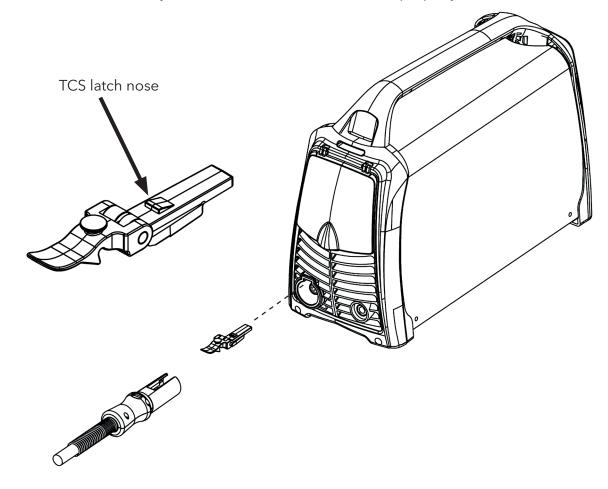
2. Torch connection - power supply location



3. Torch connection - Torch TCS plug Latch with key position.

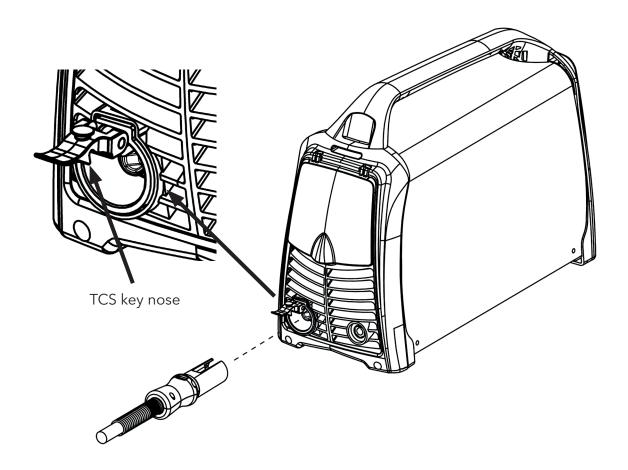


4. Torch connection - 1st step - place the TCS latch with key into the TCS power supply socket. The TCS latch with key must be locked in the TCS socket properly with the latch nose.

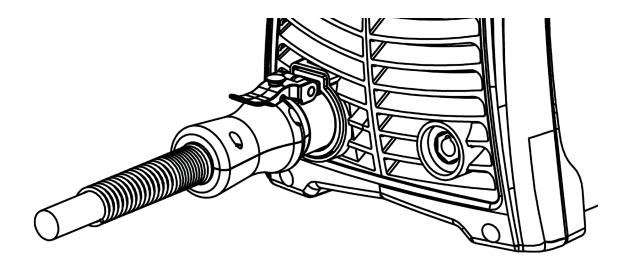


5. Torch connection - 2nd step - put TCS plug into the TCS socket.

The torch TCS plug must be locked in the TCS socket properly with the key nose.



6. Torch connection - proper position of the TCS plug in the TCS socket.



Plasma gas supply

The EX-TRAFIRE*55SD requires a compressed air supply from a compressor or cylinders, a high pressure regulator should be fitted to either form of supply and be capable of delivering gas to the filter on the system at a flow rate of 270 l/min at a pressure of 5.5 bar.

Gas type	Air	Nitrogen	
Gas quality specification	Recommended Air quality: ISO 8573-1 Class 1.2.2. Air max. particle size: 0.1 microns, class 1 ref. to ISO 8573, Air max. oil: 0.1 mg / m3, class 2 ref.: ISO 8573, Air max. dewpoint: +3° C, class 4 ref. to ISO 8573	Purity ≥ 99.99%	
Gas quality	Clean, moisture-	Clean, moisture-free, without oil	

Note: A poor quality gas supply has a detrimental effect on cut speeds, cut quality, reduced thickness of material that can be cut and shorter consumable parts life.



WARNING

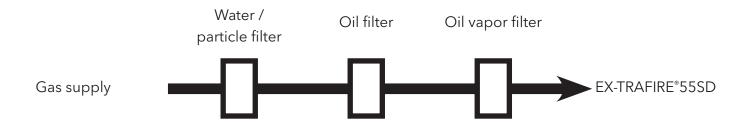
Do not allow the input gas pressure to exceed 10 bar/145 psi. The filter bowl could explode if the pressure is exceeded.



Note: EX-TRAFIRE 55SD is equipped with a built-in filtration system.

Additional gas filtration

The Thermacut filtration system should be used when oil, moisture or other contaminants are found in the air supply. In more severe cases the 3-stage filtration system should be used.



Gas supply installation

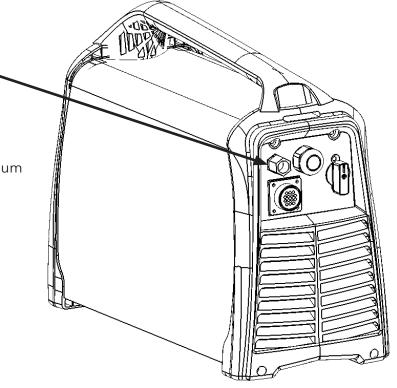
Connect the air-line hose as follows:

1. Air-line hose connection.

• Female G1/4" thread adapter.

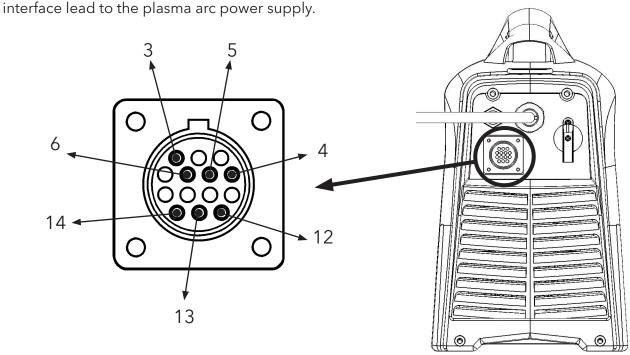
2. Air-line hose.

 Use an inert gas hose with a minimum internal diameter of 8 mm, make a direct attachment or use a quick disconnect fitting.



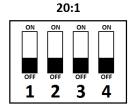
System CNC interface connection

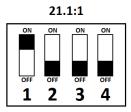
Each type of signal is available through the system CNC interface connector located on the rear control panel. Use the chart with details of each signal type below when connecting the system interface local to the places are power symply.

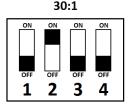


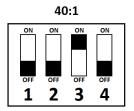
Signal:	START (start plasma cutting)	Arc transfer (start system motion)	Ground	Voltage divider
Туре	Input	Output	Ground	Output
Note	Normally open. Open circuit voltage 12 VDC in the START terminals. Requires a dry contact to close it.	Normally open. Dry contact with maximum capacity of: 125 VAC / 10 A 250 VAC / 5 A 30 VDC / 5 A		Divider arc voltage signal of: 20:1 21.1:1 30:1 40:1 50:1 (provides a maximum 18V)
Rear socket connection	3, 4	12, 14	13	6 (+), 5 (-)
Internal wire colours	white, white	yellow, yellow	green/ yellow	6 (red), 5 (black)

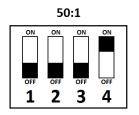
Set the DIP switches to one of the following settings. Basic settings is 50:1.









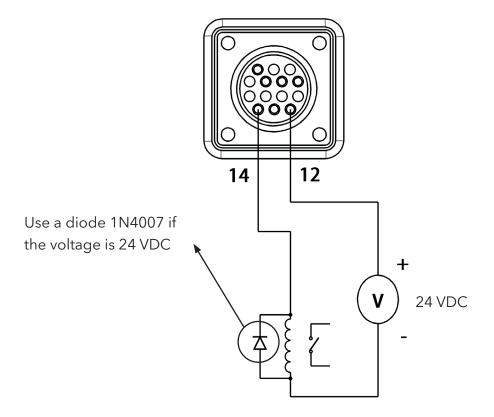




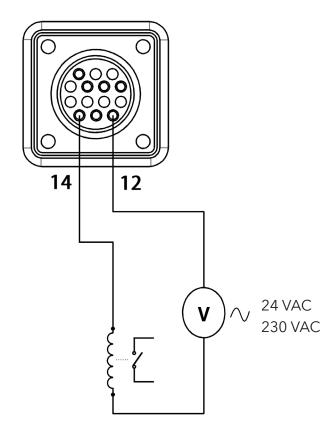
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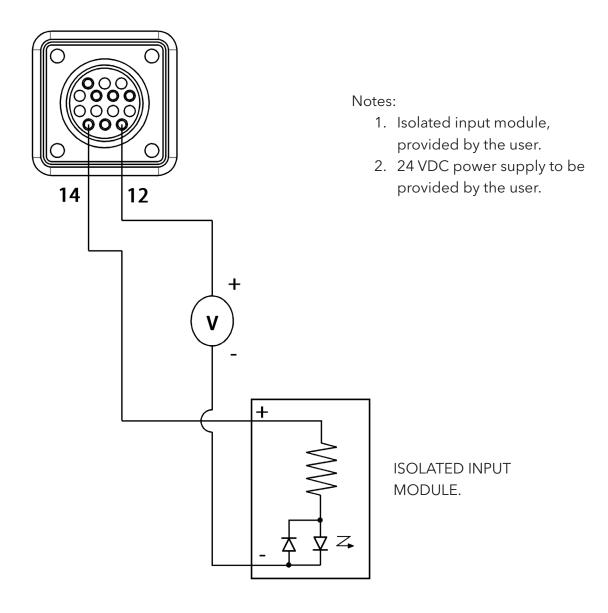
Activating an external DC coil with an external power supply



Activating an external AC coil with an external power supply



Activating an industrial isolated module with an external power supply





Installation of the machine interface cable must be performed by a certified electrician or competent person.

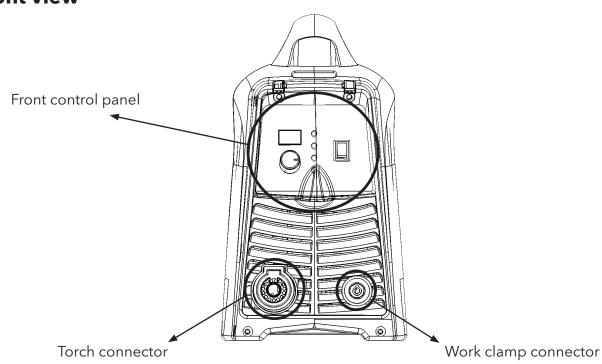
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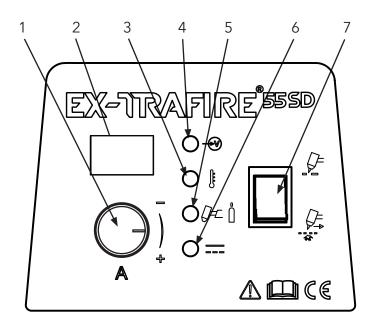
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OPERATION

Front view

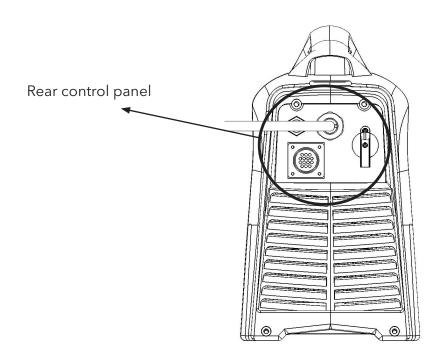


Front control panel



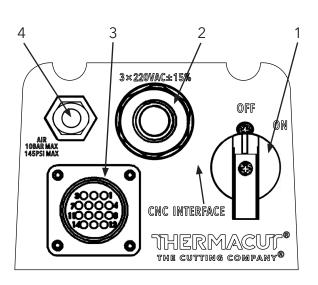
- 1. Cutting current regulator knob.
- 2. Display Cutting current display when fault occures, error code will display.
- 3. Over-Current (OC), Over-Temperature (OT) alarm indicator.
- Power ON/OFF indicator.
 LED illuminates the power supply is turned ON.
- 5. Multifunctional indicator.
 - LED illuminates pressure alarm indicator when the gas pressure is lower than 2.4 bar.
 - LED blinks torch is not connected or improperly connected to the power supply.
 - Loose or missing retaining cap.
- LED illuminates arc transfer to the work piece.
 LED blinks nozzle or electrode are missing and short circuit alarm.
- 7. CUT/GRID mode switch. Selects normal cutting or grid cutting.

Rear view

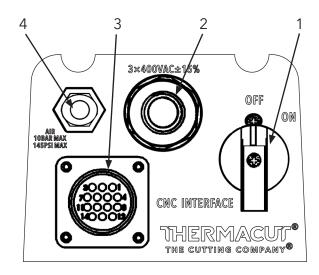


Rear control panel detail

EX-TRAFIRE*55SD - 3 x 220 V

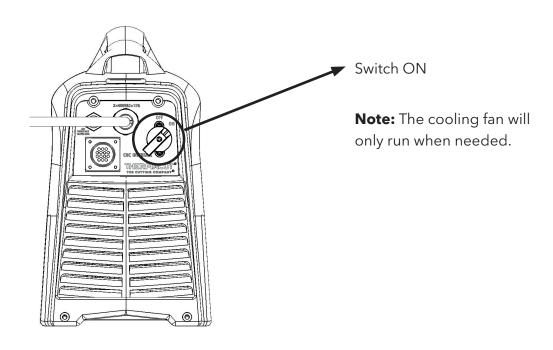


EX-TRAFIRE*55SD - 3 x 400 V



- 1. Power supply switch
- 2. Mains power lead
- 3. CNC interface connector
- 4. Gas supply input fitting G1/4" Female

Turn ON



Check the LED indicators

Check that LED1 cutting.



is illuminated and LED2, LED3 and LED4 are not illuminated before

Operating the hand torch





WARNING Plasma arc is generated immediately when the torch trigger is depressed

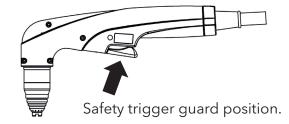
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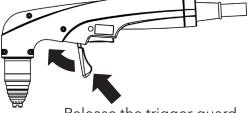
- Keep away from the torch tip.
- Do not hold the piece that is to be cut and keep your hands away from the cutting path.
- Never point the torch toward yourself or toward others.
- Never use with the pendant control switch.

Operating the torch safety trigger

1.

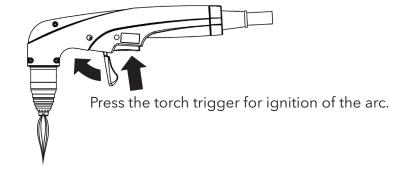


2.



Release the trigger guard.

3.



4. Release the torch trigger to stop cutting.





WARNING SPARKS AND HOT METAL CAN BURN THE SKIN AND EYES

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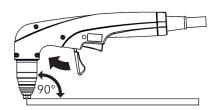
Fit the work clamp

Secure the work clamp to the work piece, ensure good contact, and remove surface contaminants. DO NOT fit the work clamp to the material that will be severed/scrap.

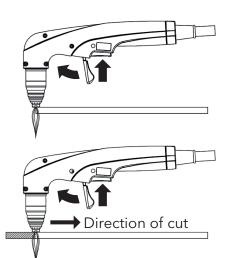
Fit the work clamp as close as possible to the cutting area to minimise exposure to electromagnetic fields (EMF).

Do not hold the material that is to be severed/scrap.

Edge start cutting



Keep the nozzle of the torch upright at the edge of the work piece.



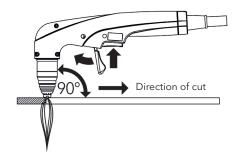
Start cutting from the edge of the work piece.

DO NOT start the travel motion until the material has been completely cut through.

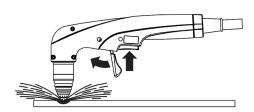
Then continue with the cut.

Hand torch cutting technique

Avoid unnecessary firing of the torch, each firing of the torch reduces the lifetime of the electrode and nozzle.

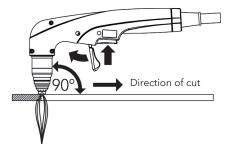


When cutting, ensure the arc spray exits the underside of the work piece.



Incomplete severance is indicated by an upward arc spray. This can be caused by the following:

- Excessive travel speed
- Incorrect power settings
- Incorrect gas pressure settings
- Worn/damaged consumables
- or by any combination of the above



Hold the torch vertically and watch the arc while cutting along the line.

Shielded consumables. Make light contact between the shield and the work piece, pull the torch at a steady travel speed.

- Pulling the torch gives better control compared to pushing.
- For cutting thin material, reduce the amperage to the optimum to achieve the highest cut quality.
- For straight line/bevel cutting, use a straight edge as a guide. To cut circles, use a template or a circle cutting attachment.
- **Gas Post flow** After the torch trigger is released, the gas will continue to flow up to 55 seconds (according to adjusted cutting current) to cool the torch and consumables.

Note: The torch will be ready to restart by depressing the torch trigger during the post flow period. To stop the post flow, depress the torch trigger quickly and release.



DANGER! Consumables can remain hot after the post-flow period.

Piercing



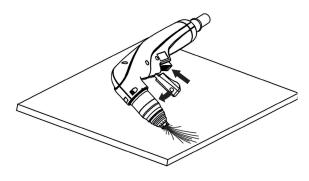




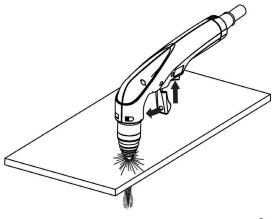
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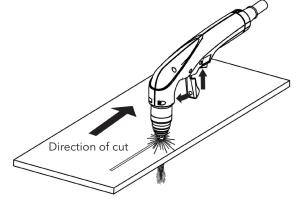
Hold the torch so that the nozzle is within 3 mm of the work piece before firing.



Hold the torch at an angle to the work piece, depress the torch trigger and slowly rotate the torch to a vertical position.



Arc spray exits the underside of the work piece when the cut has achieved full thickness.



After the pierce, proceed with cutting.

Operating the machine torch





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- Keep away from the torch tip.
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- Never point the torch toward yourself or toward others.
- Never use with the pendant control switch.

Alignment of the machine torch

Mount the machine torch perpendicular to the material to be cut, use a square to align the torch at 0° and 90° , if torch alignment is not possible, check the cutting table for level to obtain a true vertical cut.



SECTION 5.

MAINTENANCE:

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MAINTENANCE

Routine maintenance



WARNING ELECTRIC SHOCK CAN KILL

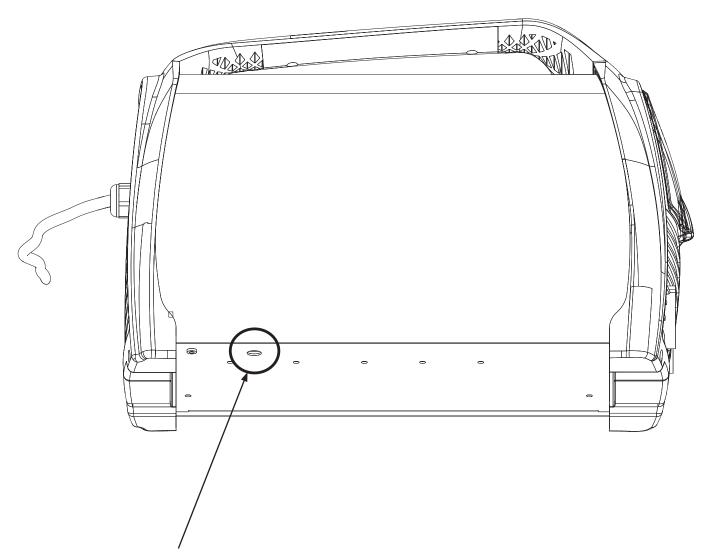


Disconnect mains power lead before servicing; Qualified technicians only should perform any work that requires removal of the system cover. Allow a period (minimum 5 min.) for electrical discharge before handling internal parts.

Every usage	Check the gas pressure. Check the consumables. Check the work clamp.	Ensure that consumables are installed correctly and are not worn.
Every week	Examine and check the torch retaining cap is fully function	ty indicator which indicates a
Every 3 months	Clean the dust from inside of the power supply using clean dry compressed air. Advisory note: The dust can be harmful to health!	Full examination of the torch, check the torch trigger safety mechanism, check for signs of cracking in the torch body or exposed wires.
Immediately replace the mains power lead/plug if damaged.	Immediately replace the torch lead if damaged.	Check air-line hose, filter elements, and connections for leaks.

Purging/draining the built-in filter

This power supply is equipped with built-in float type auto drain filter. Do not cover outflow drain hole located on the bottom of the power supply (see the picture below).



Position of the outflow drain hole

SECTION 6.

ADDITIONAL ORDERING INFORMATION

EX-TRAFIRE*55SD Power Supplies		
Part No. DESCRIPTION		
EX-3-001-001	EX-TRAFIRE*55SD/CE/3x400V power Supply Unit (fully-equipped)	
EX-3-001-005	EX-TRAFIRE*55SD/CE/3x220V power Supply Unit (fully-equipped)	

SECTION 7.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Fault	This may mean	Cause	Solution
Main switch is ON and the AC power LED1 fails to illuminate.	No / low voltage of mains power source.	Insufficient mains power source.	 Check the mains input voltage 3 x 400 VAC ± 15% (3 x 220 VAC ± 15%). Check internal control board supply.
₩		The mains power lead is not plugged in to a live socket.	Plug the mains power lead in to a live socket.
		Main power switch is defective.	Replace the main power switch.

Note: The fan turns ON and OFF automatically. The fan may not run when the plasma arc power supply is switched on.

The LED2 illuminates.	Over- temperature (OT)	Fan fault.Duty cycle over limit.	 Ensure fan is free running, correct condition. Allow the power supply to cool down and reset. Do not
	• Over-current (OC)	 Some of power supply inside component is over lifetime or burned out. 	 exceed the rated duty cycle. Contact your distributor.
The LED3 illuminates.	Gas pressure fault.	 The gas input pressure is lower than 2.4 bar/34.9 psi. Damaged torch 	 Check gas supply input pressure. Replace the torch lead.
	Pressure switch fault.	lead. Incorrect pressure.	Change the pressure switch inside the power supply.

Fault	This may mean	Cause	Solution
The LED3 blinks no arc output when	• Consumables fault.	Consumables are loose, improperly installed or missing.	Install the consumables and fit the retaining cap.
the trigger is depressed or the CNC start is ON.		The retaining cap is not installed or tightened correctly.	Fit the retaining cap and correctly tighten.
		Non original consumables.	Use original new consumables.
	• Short circuit inside the torch.	Consumables are incorrectly installed.	Install the consumables correctly.
		Dirt inside the torch.	Remove all consumables, clean the inside of the torch. Reassemble in correct order.
	Torch connection fault.	Improperly installed torch or retaining cup is loose.	Install torch properly or tighten retaining cup.
Press the torch trigger or the CNC signal is	Gas valve or power supply fault.	Cable to the gas valve disconnected.	Contact your distributor.
ON but no gas output.		Gas valve malfunction.	Contact your distributor.
		Switch or trigger malfunctioning.	Contact your distributor.
No arc output but no alarm light when	Torch fault.	Incorrect type of the torch.	Use the correct torch type which is suitable for the machine.
torch trigger is depressed or the CNC start		Torch components.	Check torch components, change parts if necessary.
signal is ON.	Input gas pressure fault.	• Input gas pressure is too high.	Decrease input static pressure to 7 bar/101 psi.

Fault	This may mean	Cause	Solution
No transfer between pilot arc and workpiece.	Work clamp connection fault.	Fluctuating connection between the clamp and work piece.	Clean the surface of the clamp and material.
	No connection to work piece.	Incorrect distance between the torch and work piece.	Maintain correct distance between the torch and work piece.
		Work cable is broken.	Replace the work cable.
The output is too low, unstable or	Connection fault.	Input and output connection leads.	Check all input and output connection leads.
inadequate.		Fluctuating connection between the clamp and work piece.	Make sure that work lead has a good connection to a clean and dry area of work piece.
		Incorrect distance between the torch and the work piece.	Maintain correct distance between the torch and the work piece.
	Voltage fault.	Incorrect input voltage.	Use the correct input voltage, in accordance with specification.
The pilot arc is difficult to	• Consumables fault.	Check for worn consumables.	Change the consumable which may be worn.
ignite and cuts out.	Air pressure fault.	• The air pressure is too high.	Adjust the air pressure output.
Output is restricted and can not be	Connection failure.	Input or output connection leads.	Check all input and output connection cables.
controlled.		Fluctuating connection between the clamp and work piece.	Ensure that the work lead has a good connection to a clean and dry area of work piece.

Fault	This may mean	Cause	Solution
Cut quality issues.	Incorrect current setting.	Low current or high material thickness.	Adjust the current to suit the thickness of material to be cut.
	• Consumables fault.	• Consumables are worn.	Inspect consumables - see section Consumable part inspection.
	Incorrect cutting technique.	Poor cut quality.	Adjust the current to suite the cutting speed and torch-to-workpiece distance according to the thickness of material to be cut.
	Poor connection.	Work piece is dirty / contaminated.	Clean the surface of the work piece.

ERROR CODES			
Н03	System operation failed		
H04	Pilot arc is not established		
H05	During the pilot arc, the nozzle is not separated from the electrode		
H06	Over - temperature and over - current alarm		
Н08	Torch connection / consumables issue / trigger is depressed during self-check		
H10	Air pressure alarm		

For more detailed information see Service Manual

SECTION 8.

ACCESSORIES

Filter-EX Compressed Air Filter with replacement filter cartridge

EX-0-804-001 - Filter-EX Compressed Air Filter (Standard package 1 piece)

EX-0-804-002 - Filter-EX Air Filter Cartridge (Standard package 8 pieces)





Technical specification

Filtering Degree:	0.01 μinch - 0.25 μm
Maximum Pressure:	125 PSI - 8.5 bar
Maximum Flow @ 80%:	2700 SCFH - 1250 l/min.
Temperature Range:	15 - 140F / -10 +60 °C
Size Pipe:	1/4 NPT
Dimension:	Ø 5.2" × 7.9" - Ø 132 × 200 mm

This filter does not fall under the specification of pressure equipment and requires no revision.

Advantages of using the Filter-EX Compressed Air Filter:

- Removes solid particles, aerosols, and moisture from the compressed air.
- Elimination of the negative effects caused by humidity during cutting.
- Extends the service life time of the torch, leads and consumables.
- Reduces the risk of torch and power supply damage.
- Positive effect on the quality of the cut.

Filter-EX Quick Connect Couplings

EX-0-802-001

DN 7.2 ES Quick Connect Plug

with male thread G 1/4"



EX-0-802-002
DN 7.2 ES Quick Connect Coupling
with male thread G 1/4"



O-Ring lubricant

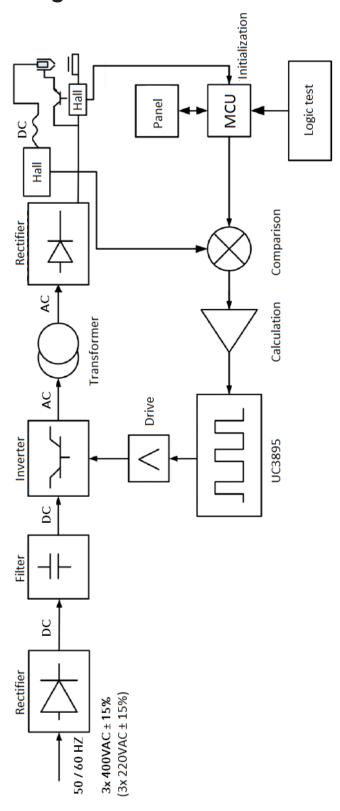


EX-0-805-001 Grease 25ml

SECTION 9.

POWER SUPPLY BLOCK DIAGRAM

Power supply block diagram



SECTION 10.

END OF LIFETIME PRODUCT DISPOSAL

Use and disposal of waste

Wrapping paper and corrugated paperboard - place in paper recycling containers. Packing foil, PE bags, plastic elements - place in plastic recycling containers.

End of lifetime product disposal

Disposal of electric and electronic equipment (valid in EU member countries and other European countries with an implemented recycling system).

It is not allowed to treat this product as domestic waste. Hand over the product to the specified location for recycling electric and electronic equipment. Prevent negative impact on human health and the environment by correctly recycling your product.

Recycling contributes to preserving natural resources. For more information on the recycling of this product, refer to manufacturer, who will be able to handle the disposal for you or refer to your local authority, domestic waste processing organization or store, where you purchased the product.

For local disposal, the local regulations for the disposal of electrical and electronic scrap as well as materials must be observed

This product complies with EU directive requirements on electromagnetic compatibility and electrical safety.



RoHS statement

EX-TRAFIRE H, SC, SD and **HD** (unless otherwise expressly stated) sold by Thermacut, k.s. fulfill the requirements of the EU directive 2011/65/EU. These products are compatible with the current RoHS requirements for the 7 substances (max 0.1% by weight in homogeneous materials for lead, mercury, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyls (PBB), polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE), Deca-BDE and max 0.01% for cadmium).

SECTION 11.

WARRANTY:

WARRANTY

This Warranty Certificate forms an integral part of General Business Conditions ("GBC") of THERMACUT, k.s. (the "Seller") and shall apply to supplies of Goods under Contract concluded between the Seller and the other contracting party as the recipient of the Goods (the "Buyer"); terms used herein have the same meaning as is ascribed to them in the GBC

- 1. The Seller hereby provides to the Buyer a quality warranty (hereinafter referred to as the "Warranty") affirming that the below specified goods delivered under the Contract will, for the below specified warranty period, retain the characteristics stipulated in technical data sheet of the Goods available on Seller's webpages (www.thermacut.cz, www.ex-trafire.com) at the time of sending of Binding Offer (par. 2.2 of the GBC), otherwise in the quality and design suitable for the purpose arising out of the Contract, otherwise for usual purpose.
- 2. The warranty period is valid from the date the goods are delivered to the buyer (par. 5.1, 5.2 of the GBC).
- 3. Par. 3.4 and the following of the GBC shall apply to reporting (claiming) of Warranty defect, asserting rights from defective performance and other rights and obligation of the Seller and Buyer.
- 4. The warranty period is:
- o Three (3) years for EX-TRAFIRE® brand power supplies
- o One (1) year for torches and lead sets
- 5. The Warranty does not cover reasonable wear and tear of the Goods or associated parts, which include consumables such as: Electrodes, Nozzles, Swirl Rings, Retaining Caps, Shields and O-rings.
- 6. The Seller is not liable for damage of the Goods caused by the Buyer or third party by incorrect or unprofessional treatment of the Goods (in particular repair or alteration by persons not authorized by the Seller) or its installation, unprofessional usage of the Goods or insufficient maintenance, in particular using the Goods for other than the specified purpose or other failure to comply with operating instructions, application of excessive force or using unapproved consumables parts with the Goods.

Warranty terms and conditions vary to suit diverse markets and country directives.

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1. Revision T-1/2020 - 02/2020 - Official release **2. Revision T-2/2020 - 05/2020**

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Page 2-14 - new values in brackets - for 3 x 220 V power supply

Page 4-32 - new picture of rear label 3 x 220 V Page 4-38 - whole page with Gouging removed

- new item - EX-3-001-005 - 3 x 220 V power supply unit

Page 6-42 Page 11-51 - new page of Warranty

3. Revision T-3/2020 - 07/2020

Page 1 - the latest version of manual link added

Page 3-26 - new dimension of the minimum internal diameter of gas hose - 8 mm

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